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Sir:

Prior to examining the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-17 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of hydroentangling polymer fibers to manufacture a nonwoven fabric, comprising imparting to the polymer fibers, at the moment of hydroentangling, a temperature equal to or exceeding the glass transition temperature (T_g) of the polymer fiber and being less than the melting point of the polymer fiber.

2. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein the polymer fiber has an initial modulus ≥ 50 cN/tex, at room temperature.